

Herman Salomon
1st MO Engineers, Company I

Born: January 1, 1834 in Halberstadt, Germany

1853 November 18: Emigrated to the U. S. at age 19 aboard ship *Julia* and lived with family in Manitowoc, WI. Brother to Gen. Charles Eberhard, Major General Frederick C., Wisconsin Governor Edward Salomon.

1855 April 3: Intent for Citizenship filed
1860 October 22: Certificate of Naturalization

1860 Census: WI, Manitowoc County, Manitowoc Twp:
Herman Salomon, 26, Male, Carpenter & joiner, born Prussia

Enlisted: September 4, 1861 as a Private in St Louis, MO. Was Artificer in Capt. Christian Lochbickler's Company. Herman kept a diary of his Civil War service. Written in German, it was translated and is included with his story here. A letter written to his parents states:

"I am indeed tired of this life and anxious to be home again but, as a young and unmarried man, it would not be right for me to come home, for the full strength of the land is needed to save the Union and then too, there are hundreds of married men still in the field. You will therefore forgive me, my dear parents, that I do not comply with your wish because I consider it my sacred duty to stand by the flag, so long as it is in danger."

Mustered Out: September 28, 1864 at East Point, GA

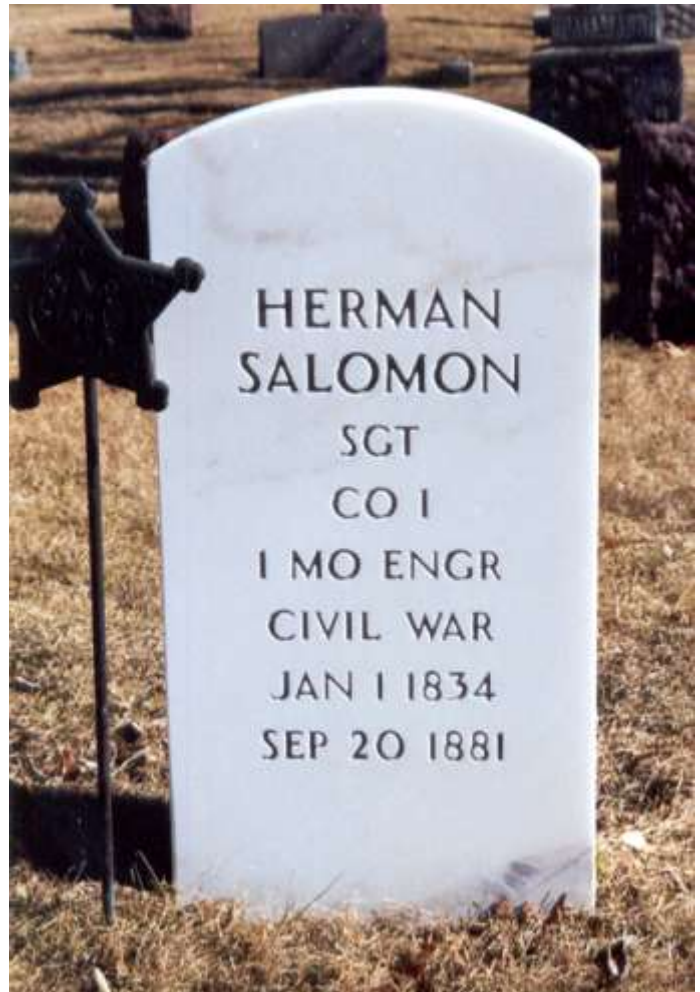
1868-69 Edward's Manitowoc Directory:
Herman Salomon, Clerk for F. Rudolph, r 8th, cor. Madison

Married: May 9, 1872 to Fredericka Vetting, 1848-1923.

Manitowoc Tribune, May 15, 1873, 4/3:
DRUIDS—This secret order was established in our city by the organization of a lodge called, Clipper City Hain, No. 9. The installation took place last Monday evening, at Odd Fellows Hall, south side. The following named gentlemen are the officers. . 1st Sec'y—Herman Salomon"

Herman suffered from the effects of his years in the war. He was not able to work at a job due to his weakened state. He suffered from bronchitis and bouts of incessant coughing further debilitating him.

1880 Census: WI, Manitowoc Co, Manitowoc, 1st Ward: Herman Salomon, Married, 46,



born Prussia

Died: September 20, 1881 in Manitowoc/ buried September 25, 1881

Buried: Evergreen Cemetery, Manitowoc, WI

Gravesite: W2-107-3: "Hermann Salomon/Co. I/1st Mo Eng." Civil War flag marker

Der Nord Westen, 25 May 1882: "These veterans were buried in the National Cemetery ... Hermann Salomon"

1890 Veterans Schedule, Manitowoc County: Herman Salomon (dec) Widow, Artificer, 7 MO Co. I, post office Manitowoc.

Manitowoc Citizen, May 30, 1901, Page 30, Col 8, Vol 3: Salomon, Herman-Vet. Buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

Salomon Herman
Post, Co. I, Regt. 1st
Mo Eng'rs.
Cemetery City
City or Town Manitowoc
County and State Manitowoc, Wis.
Grave dau Sept. 22-1881
Headstone supplied by Wm. Manson
Contract dated Jan. 21 1888

Headstones Provided for Deceased Union Civil War Veterans, 1897-1903

Civil War Diary of Herman Salomon

1861: Sep 4, sworn into service for three years. On the fifth of Oct, left St. Louis for Paducah and arrived on the 7th. Dec. 4-occupied the Marine Hospital of Paducah.

1862: Jan. 12, received my first money, \$50.60. Feb. 19, Capt J D Vorster has again taken command of the company. Mar 29, left Fort Scott, Paducah. Arrived at Fort Donelson the 30th. Again, left the Fort on the evening of Apr first and arrived in Paducah on Apr 2nd. Received order to march on the 6th of April. Left Paducah on the 8th and arrived in Columbus on the 9th. On 18th received money (\$26) for the month of Jan and Feb. Jun 10, worked 4 hrs. Marched Jun 11 and worked 10 hrs. We worked but 4 hrs on the 15th. The 11th was hard; we worked 10 hrs. On the 17th of Jun received money for the months of Mar & Apr (\$16.20; on Aug 4 for months of May & Jun. Expected pay of \$26 rcvd on the same day as money for work of Jun & Jul, \$18.25. Aug 8, left Columbus; the 14th Birds Point and rode in Cairo, arriving in Columbus on Aug 14. Received orders on Aug 15 to prepare to march to Corinth, Miss. Marching orders came on the 18th to leave Columbus that same day. Arrived in Corinth late in the evening. Received money for work (\$3.50) on the 19th. On Aug 31st I reported sickness. Returned to work on Sep 5th. From Sep 16 to Oct 2 I again reported sickness,

for I was stricken with fever. The 3rd and 4th of Oct occurred the Battle of Corinth. Oct 5th we received order to march to Corinth the night of the 5th; arrived Rienzi the 7th, and on the 10th left Rienzi. During night from the 10th to the 11th we made a bridge. It was a terrible night. Arrived Corinth on the 11th; left Corinth again very early in the morning of the 12th. Went five miles from Corinth and made two bridges near the (?) Ravine. Arrived in Corinth on the 13th. On Oct 14 I again reported sickness. Received (on the 19th) money for work done in St Louis and Paducah for the months of Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, 1861, and Jan, Feb and March 1862, amount \$38.60 From the 12-21st Dec, I reported sickness on account of an ulcer. Dec 20 train service between Columbus and Corinth was discontinued because the rebels had destroyed the railroad.

1863: Jan 7 first train of food came through from Memphis, by way of Jackson, TN to Corinth. This was the first load since the 20th of Dec last year. Jan 17 orders were received to prepare to March. Left Corinth on the 29th. Very rainy, cold weather. Arrived Memphis evening of the 20th. Jan 22nd we were paid for our work in Corinth up to the first of Jan 1863-\$40.80. Rcvd marching orders on Jan 3-in Memphis on 24th. I pd \$50 to Adams Express Co. Left on 25th. Company arrived Vicksburg on 28th, pitched camp the 29th. Wet & cold all the time we were on

the trip. Night of 14-15 of Feb had a violent thunderstorm-I do not know that I have ever experienced any like it. Camp was under water morning of 15th. Had to transfer tents to highest places of camp. Night of 5-7 of Mar, the dam along the canal broke through. Mar 12 we recvd monthly pay for Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct. Clothes also checked. I had some money for clothes (\$7.55) to my good, so I rcvd \$59.55. Night of 1-2 of Apr we worked on upper trenches for first time. Apr 6, the second day of Easter, we moved our Camp to a place above the dam, because of the water. 9th of Apr we rode on a steamer to the upper trenches. 17th arrived at Grant's headquarters. These were hard days because of the great amount of heavy work and constant downfall of rain. Apr 10 money for work in Jan, Feb, Mar rcvd-my pay was \$22.40. Rcvd monthly pay on 24 of Apr for months of Nov and Dec, 1852 and Jan & Feb 1863-\$52. Began work on Pontoon Bridge on Apr 28. May 2nd, in evening, left Milliken's (?) with the pontoon train. Arrived at mouth of Big Black on 5th and crossed Mississippi. Rested from evening of 7th-morning of 11th. On 14th, Jackson, Miss. Taken by our troops. We were a mile distant. On 17th we built a bridge across Big Black and tore it down late in evening of 18th. Laid a bridge over slough on the 20th. Left it on 25th. 23 of Jun pay day for the months of Mar and Apr; I recvd \$26. In the night of the 26-27 of Jun the rebels blew up their mine. Spent evening of Jun 27 in work on the big mine. On the 4th of Jul, the rebels surrendered Vicksburg. Jul 24 rcvd pay for months of May & Jun; I rec'd \$26. Aug 14 we received order to march and prepare a pontoon bridge. Left Vicksburg on 27th by boat and arrived in Natchez that evening. Crossed to the Louisiana side on 28th and unloaded the pontoon bridge over which the troops were transferred to Trinity. Sep 5 the troops returned from Harrisonburg and we left the place late in the evening. Arrived opposite Natchez on Sep 7. Sep 14 we were attacked at Vidalia by the rebels. Two comrades fell-Langut and Lansch, and Captain Lochbichler and Captain Bronner were mortally wounded. Three men of our Co were taken prisoner-Wensen, Kirberter and Krampi. Late in evening of Sep 14 and morn of 15th arrived at Natchez with the pontoon bridge. Left Natchez on Oct 10 and started on my trip to visit my dear parents. I arrived at Vicksburg on 11th, and reached the

home of my dear parents and sister in Manitowoc on Oct 26. Nov 11 left my parents and joined my company in Natchez on Nov 13. Before leaving the company I had borrowed money from Katherer, but it was paid to him during my absence. Arrived Vicksburg on 10th, encamped on 11th. **1864:** On Jan 17 began to made wooden borders for pontoon bridge. Jan 26 I was paid for the first time as engineer and received money for months of Sep and Oct (\$26) and for the months of Nov and Dec (\$34). My clothes are counted in and the first of Nov and I have received \$6.25 as clothes allowance, so that all together I received \$66.25. Jan 31 we left Vicksburg. Took down the pontoon bridge during the night of Feb 3-it spanned the Big Black River. We left the vicinity on the 5th, but on morning of the 6th, we again sighted the river and on the same evening had to (?) the bridge. Mar 2 and 3 the 16th Army Corps returned over the bridge at Meridian. On morning of 4th, the bridge was taken down and we left the river. Noon of the 5th we arrived at our camp in Vicksburg. Apr 4 the veterans left us. Apr 27 w left Vicksburg with Pontoon train. Our comrade Zeinert was drowned sometime between 27th and 28th. Arrived at Natchez evening of 28th. Entered camp on 29th. Apr 30 began work at the Fort. May 5 paid for the months of Jan, Feb, Mar and Apr-\$68. May 9 Captain W. Kossack left us. He may go and (?) whither he will, and if it be to H-1. Jun 5 Lieutenant Henniges gave up his command and Lieut. Wilder assumed the same. From 8-18 reported sickness. Jun 22 we were ordered to march to Vicksburg. Left Natchez on 23rd and arrived at Vicksburg on 24th. Jun 29, Lieut Wilder has given his command to Lieut Schmidt. On 30th order to march came in. Left Vicksburg on Jul 1 and arrived at the Big Black River the same day. A bridge was built over the river and on the morning of the 34d, division troops marched across. The division returned on the 8th and on the 9th the bridge was taken down. When we were ready to leave, orders came in for us to re(?) at Black River. The bridge was rebuilt on the 10th. More s passed over the bridge on the 11th. It was taken down same day and we left the river, arriving at Vicksburg on the night of the 11-12. Jul 23 received orders to march. Left Vicksburg on 27th. Lieut Biegle had taken over command of the company. Rested all the 28th. Arrived at Cairo morning of 30th. Left Cairo on

31st and arrived New Albany morning of Aug 1. Left New Albany in afternoon, bound for Louisville, Left Louisville in the evening. Arrived Nashville on Aug 2; left again on 3rd; on same day we arrived in Johnsonville where we met Company I to which we belonged. Began work on 8th. Left Johnsonville on 17th and arrived Nashville on same day. Remained until 20th when we went to Chattanooga. On 22nd comrades Kieberter and Krampi again joined the company. Benson was badly wounded with several shots, while en route from Vicksburg to Memphis. Left Chattanooga in night of the 23-24 and left the railroad train, six miles from Athrop(Athens?). On the 27th we left the river (blank in manuscript) and marched southward. Rested on 28 and 29—marched on the 30th. Sep 1 our soldiers had a hard battle near the railroad tracks at Jonesboro and on the 2nd we destroyed the railroad track to Moreu (Monroe?). Evening of the 4th we began return march and camped a few miles from Atlanta on evening of 8th. Marches farther back on 9th. On 10th we began work at the Fort. 16th received our tents from Chattanooga. On 25th our guns and all other things, most of which were ours, were returned to quartermaster. Left the regiment on 28th and marched to Atlanta. October—on the 18th left Atlanta and on evening of same day arrived at Resaca. Got an early start on the trip next morning and passed through Dalton 15 miles. The 20th, trudged on seven miles and in the night from the 20-21 rode to Chattanooga. Left same day for Nashville. Arrived Nashville next morning, left for Louisville morning of the 23rd, arriving there same day. Rode to New Albany the 24th. Arrived in St Louis on the 25th. Received our money on the 27th— I got \$200.45. Oct 31, in the afternoon, left St. Louis.”

Letter from Herman to brother Edward Salomon:

“Natchez, June 1, 1864

Dear Brother Edward,

Your letter of May 5th I received yesterday. The same was first sent to Nashville, Tenn, to our Regiment. With pleasure I learned from your letter that you and your wife and still healthy and well. Since the 28th of April, part of our company is again here in Natchez and we are guarding the work

here on the trenches to do the wood-work. The other part of the Company is still in Vicksburg and guard the Pontoon Train. I would must sooner be here in Natchez than in Vicksburg, for it is more healthy here than there and I fear we shall have a hot and dry summer. Under those conditions it is better for a soldier to have a healthy place. I wish we could remain here the entire time of our service.

Our Company was mustered into the service of the U.S. on September 29th, the Regiment however already in the last days of July. Will we be mustered out with the Regiment? Or first on the day of our being mustered in of the Company? What is your opinion dear brother? I could wish that we would be mustered out with our present Regiment. We have 6 men in our Company, who entered the service first at the beginning of June 1862 with the promise that they would be mustered out with the Company. These people now believe that they were deceived. They are of the opinion that it was merely a promise of the Recruiting officers and what was told them was not law. Two of these are my best friends and they have begged me that I should ask you to write me what you think of the matter, if they will be mustered out with the Company or if they will have to serve their three years.

News I cannot write you. In our vicinity nothing new or important has happened. From the North we are now receiving no reports, for almost 14 days no newspapers have arrived.

Herman”



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On Monday, May 31, 1999 a new headstone was dedicated to Herman Salomon. At a special dedication ceremony at Evergreen Cemetery, Manitowoc, WI, members of the Manitowoc County Civil War Round Table dedicated the new grave marker. Kent Salomon, great great grand nephew gave a biographical sketch of the subject. A gun salute presented by re-enactors of the Round Table ended the ceremonies.



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